

PRESIDENT: No, can't do that. We have a priority motion that comes now. Sorry. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Hall would move to bracket the bill until January 3, 1990.

PRESIDENT: I'll leave the same speakers order on, in case we get....

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Mr. President and members. The motion to bracket is clearly a very friendly one because the issue, I think, as debate has shown this afternoon, is one that is important to many members of the body and I think every aspect of the state, because it does deal with a question that is important and is one that is very significant. I think it deserves clear discussion, I think that was the primary reason the Revenue Committee advanced 807, as it currently exists in this form, to the floor of the Legislature. We did not dismiss it as a wild-eyed scheme of Senator Schmit's. It's rare that he brings those types of proposals to the body, or at least it's rare that they get to the full body. The issue is one that I think many members are affected by our...we're currently discussing it in a number of different court cases, we're discussing it in a number of different opinions from the Attorney General's office, whether or not the issue of in lieu of taxes is one that is constitutional. I think there are a number of us that find that decision is one that we want to wait and see how that turns out. Let's wait and see what the courts have to say. The court determination, as Senator Withem pointed out, is one that should come probably before the end of the year. What I'm hoping will happen is between now and that time, with help from Senator Withem's office, the Education Committee, some folks on the Revenue Committee, and hopefully even some people from Senator Schmit's and Senator Warner's office who have some background in this area, we can find out what has taken place over the last number of years with regard to the ed lands, put together some information that details where we have been, look at the issue of where we should be going, and then discuss even more fully and more well-informed the thought of possibly selling the ed lands, because it, at first reaction or first blush for me, it is an idea just based on pure economics that I can support and is one of the reasons why I endorsed advancing it to the floor. But I think to vote to advance the bill today, off of General File, would not be prudent on our